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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24-29 and 32-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24-29 and 32-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/30/09 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims **24-29 and 32-35** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Diepstraten et al. US Patent No.: 5,329,531, hereinafter, "Diepstraten" in view of Jorgensen US Patent Pub. No.: 2007/0038751 A1, and further in view of Regnier et al. US Patent Pub. no.: 2005/0058147, hereinafter, 'Regnier'.

Consider claims 24 and 25, Diepsraten teaches a Method and An access point that provides voice and data communications for use in a wireless local area network having a plurality of mobile units(**i.e., Iso-synchronous and Asynchronous Traffic**)(e.g., **see at least the abstract of disclosure and col. 2 lines 15-34**), said access point being configured to: receive signals carrying communications packets directed to particular mobile units(**e.g., see at least base stations and mobile stations noted with respect to figure 1**); prioritize said communications packets for transmission based on: whether a current packet is a voice communication packet(**i.e., iso vs asynch traffic**)(e.g., **see at least col. 2 line 15-col. 3 line 37**); the total number of packets transmitted to each mobile unit(**i.e., see amount of data within available time and frame period**)(e.g. **see at least col. 2 line 15 -col. 3 lines 37 and col. 6 lines**

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60-65); and the order in which the packets were received by the access point(**e.g. see at least col. 2 line 15 -col. 3 lines 37 and col. 6 lines 60-65**)(**i.e., packet sequence and priority**).

However, Dieprateten does not specifically teach a network management packet and wherein the some packets are prioritized higher than the voice communication and the voice communication packet is prioritized higher than the other communications packet.

In analogous art, Jorgensen teaches teach a network management packet and wherein the network management packet is prioritized higher than the voice communication and the voice communication packet is prioritized higher than the other communications packet(**i.e., Latency sensitive traffic is given higher priority that various packets**)(**e.g., see at least paragraphs 0048- traffic types, paragraphs 0131-0132 – prioritize jitter sensitive traffic, 0164 – packets sensitive to latency, paragraph 0175, 0360 – prioritizing voice or data, paragraph 0411, paragraph 0485 – packet assigned based on priority in time slots, paragraphs 0486-0488**).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Dieprateten to include a network management packet and wherein the network management packet is prioritized higher than the voice communication and the voice communication packet is prioritized higher than the other communications packet for the purpose of optimizing latency of sensitive traffic flows as taught by Jorgensen.

However, Dieprateten as modified by Jorgensen does not explicitly indicate that Network management packet with higher priority.

In analogous art, Regnier teaches that Network management packet with higher priority (**i.e., the higher priority can be assigned to network management packets for administrative purposes - paragraph 0029**).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Dieprateten as modified by Jorgensen to include where the network management packets have the higher priority over other packets including data and voice for the purpose of administrative type communication.

Consider **claims 26 and 32**, Dieprateten teaches a method and a transmitter for use in a carrier sense multiple access communications system(**e.g., see at least abstract of disclosure**), said transmitter being configured to: receive signals carrying communications packets directed to particular receiver units(**e.g., see at least base stations and mobile stations noted with respect to figure 1**); prioritize said communications packets for transmission based on: whether a current packet is a voice communication packet(**i.e., iso vs asynch traffic**)(**e.g., see at least col. 2 line 15-col. 3 line 37**); the total number of packets transmitted to each receiver unit; and the order in which the packets were received by the transmitter(**e.g. see at least col. 2 line 15 -col. 3 lines 37 and col. 6 lines 60-65**); and use a contention window of a first duration for transmitting packets that are for voice communications(**i.e., using a medium access procedure to share medium**)(**e.g. see at least col. 2 line 15 -col. 3 lines 37 and col. 6 lines 60-65**); and use another contention window of a second duration that is different from said first duration for transmitting other packets(**i.e., see amount of data within available time, frame period and using a medium access procedure to share medium**)(**e.g. see at least col. 2 line 15 -col. 3 lines 37 and col. 6 lines 60-65**).

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Consider claims **27 and 33 and as applied to claims 26 and 32**, Diepstraten as modified by Jorgensen and further modified by Regnier teaches wherein the first duration is shorter than the second duration(**e.g., see at least col. 5 lines 6-16 and window size for time slots noted in at least col. 6 lines 56 - col. 7 line 7**).

Consider claims **28 and 34 and as applied to claims 26 and 32**, Diepstraten as modified by Jorgensen and further modified by Regnier wherein said transmitter is an access point of said communications system(**e.g., see at least context of base station in figure 1**).

Consider claims **29 and 35 and as applied to claims 26 and 32**, Diepstraten as modified by Jorgensen and further modified by Regnier teaches wherein said transmitter is a remote terminal in said communications system(**e.g., see at least context of station in figure 1**).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES SHEDRICK whose telephone number is (571)272-8621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571)-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2617